

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

31374 US Highway 2

Libby, MT 59923

Forest Supervisor's Order

TRAIL RESTRICTION**SCOTCHMAN PEAK RECOMMENDED WILDERNESS AREA AND ROSS CREEK AREA**

Ross Creek and South Fork Ross Creek Cedars Trail are closed to all public travel due to hazardous conditions from recent fire activity.

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation 261.50 (b), the following restriction is in effect on the **Three Rivers Ranger District** on the Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, Montana as depicted on the attached map as **Exhibit A**, and hereby incorporated into the order. This temporary restriction is in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and becomes effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

**36 CFR 261.55 – National Forest Systems Trails
Being on the trail [Title 36, 261.55(a)]**

The below listed trail closure associated with the Sawtooth Fire is closed to all public travel for public safety due to hazardous conditions from recent fire activity.

Description of Restricted National Forest Access

For the purpose of this order, it is prohibited to be on any National Forest System Trail, or within the Township 28 N Range 34W Sections 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 27 as described below:

- Ross Creek Trail 142 which is located near the Ross Creek Cedars area and begins in Township 28N Range 34W Section 12.
- South Fork Trail 321 which begins at a junction with Ross Creek Trail 142 in Township 28N Range 34W Section 15.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following are exempt from this restriction:

1. Persons with a permit issued by a forest officer specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Libby, Montana this 5 day of November 2015.

By: 
CHRISTOPHER S. SAVAGE
Forest Supervisor
Kootenai National Forest

Penalty:

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

Notification:

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.

